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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

LAURA PASSARO, R.P.

TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy upon request for reinstatement by respondent. Respondent's license to practice pharmacy had been suspended by the entry of a Consent Order, filed May 25, 2000.

The Board, having considered the documentation presented including but not limited to all records of treatment, urine screens, and a current psychological evaluation, that while respondent has made a significant strides in rehabilitation, believes it to be imperative to assure that respondent, who will have access to CDS, will be monitored for a period of time. The

Board finds this Order to be adequately protective of the public, and it further appearing that the parties wish to resolve this matter without the necessity of further proceedings, and for good cause shown,

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 27 DAY OF June, 2001,
ORDERED AND AGREED

1. The license to practice pharmacy of Laura Passaro shall be, and hereby is, reinstated.

2. Respondent's license shall upon reinstatement be placed on a probationary status for two (2) years subject to the following conditions.

3. Respondent shall have her urine monitored at her own expense on a random, unannounced basis for a six (6) month period. Testing shall be performed two (2) times per week, including no less than one weekend per month. Thereafter respondent shall be tested as set forth above, two (2) times per month for the remainder of the period of probation. The urine specimens shall be performed with direct witnessing by a Board approved monitor. The initial drug screen will utilize the EMIT technique and all confirming tests and/or secondary tests will be performed by gas chromatographing/mass spectrometry (GC/MS). The testing procedure shall include a forensic chain of custody protocol to ensure sample integrity and to provide documentation thereof.

4. The result of all tests shall be reported directly from the laboratory to Lois Johnson, Executive Director of the Board, or her successor, or her designee in the event she is unavailable. The Board may at any time alter or modify the manner of the testing directed herein. In the event of any such alteration or modification the board shall give timely notice of any new testing requirement to the respondent.

5. In the event respondent is unable to appear for a scheduled urine test due to illness or other impossibility, consent to waive that day's test must be secured from the Board office. The lab or monitor will not be authorized to provide consent. In addition, respondent must provide the Board with any written substantiation which may be obtained for her inability to appear, eg. physician's report.

6. Any failure to appear for a urine test as scheduled , pursuant to the within Order, for which consent is not secured from the board and for which no written substantiation is furnished satisfactory to the Board within two (2) days of such failure to appear shall be grounds for a hearing for the suspension of respondent's license upon short notice.

7. Respondent hereby consents to the entry of an Order of Automatic Suspension of her license without prior notice upon the Board's receipt of a report of a confirmed positive urine.

8. Respondent shall have the right to apply for removal of the automatic suspension but in such event shall be limited to a showing that the urine tested was not hers or was a false positive in which case respondent shall have the burden of proving either contention.

9. Respondent shall ensure the submission of quarterly reports from her neurologist, Dr. Marks, and from her psychiatrist, Dr. Rubin, during the period of probation.

10. Respondent shall not serve as a Pharmacist-In-Charge while her license is on a probationary status.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: Richard A. Palombo R.P.
Richard A. Palombo, R.P., President

I have read the within Order and I understand each of the terms of the Order and agree to be bound by it.

Laura Passaro
Laura Passaro, R.P.